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## III MAF Salutes Navy Day 1966

Since the birth of our nation, the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps have formed an invincible team in keeping the sea lanes open and insuring liberty for freedom-loving people throughout the world.

We are again locked shoulder to shoulder in this all-important task in the Republic of South Vietnam.

Wherever Marines have gone in the past, the Navy has taken them. And whenever the Marines landed, Naval personnel were within their ranks.

The same holds true today. No matter how small the patrol or how large the amphibious action, Navymen are with the Marines.

Within our historical bond of sister service to the United States Navy, the Marines are particularly proud of those Navy medical, Chaplain, Naval Support Activity and Seabee personnel who serve side by side with us each day.

On this Navy Day, the officers and men of the III Marine Amphibious Force offer their congratulations to all "the men at sea," and their sincere appreciation for the courage, devotion and just plain "Gung-Ho" spirit of the Navymen within the III MAF.

Lieutenant General L. W. Walt, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

## MACV to retain some officers

Headquarters, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV), has published guidance on the selection of officers for retention in the command beyond one year. Primarily affected are officers who are or may be assigned to advisory positions.

Officers selected will be extended for tours up to 18 or 24 months. Both commissioned and warrant officers will be considered for selection.

The new MACV Directive, Retention of Selected Officers Beyond Normal Tour, dated October 3, 1966, applies to officers of all branches of the service who are assigned to MACV Headquarters and to the advisory groups.

The directive states that "The retention of experienced or uniquely qualified officers beyond the normal tour in Vietnam is considered essential for the effective accomplishment of currently

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# North Vietnamese company fails in attempt to ambush patrol

## Wounded survivors tell of two-day patrol replete with deeds of courage

By: 2dLt Dick Arnold

DA NANG—A firefight which began when a company of North Vietnamese regulars ambushed a patrol of Marines south of Chu Lai, ended quietly as the Marine patrol leader sank his K-bar knife into the chest of a surprised Viet Cong guerrilla who had come to reap the spoils of "victory."

The small-unit combat story came to light at a news interview here with four recon Marines who were wounded on the two-day patrol.

(One of the Marines, Sergeant Robert Thornton, 20, still carried a North Vietnamese bullet in his chest; the wound was covered with a band-aid).

Led by Gunnery Sergeant Clovis C. Coffman, 34, the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion's team patrol set up "shop" in an enemy fortified position of bunkers and individual fighting holes after landing by helicopter south of Chu Lai on Oct. 9.

The Marines figured to either catch the enemy returning to their positions, or to fight from them if the Viet Cong found out about their recon patrol.

It didn't take long for the latter. That evening the recon unit was probed three times during an all-night rainstorm. Four North Vietnamese soldiers were killed.

With dawn (Oct. 10) the weather cleared, and in early afternoon the Marines began to move out from their observation post position to the helicopter landing zone where they were scheduled to be taken out of the area.

As the lead man in the inverted "T" or anchor-shape formation crossed the crest of a hill in the nearly shoulder-high elephant grass, he let out a yell and began firing his weapon.

"From then on in, it was 'Kattie bar the door,'" Gunny Coffman said.

The point man was killed and "we took pretty heavy casualties in the first 10 to 15 seconds" of the ambush he said.

The Marines rushed the estimated 35-60 North Vietnamese regular and broke the enemy's line in half.

During the rush into point-blank fire of the NVA unit, one Marine sergeant got so close to an enemy soldier when he killed him with a shotgun blast, that the NVA's uniform continued to smolder and smoke after his body hit the ground.

It was here that Sgt. Thornton got the rifle bullet in his chest that he still carried to the news interview.

The former Northwestern High School track star in Detroit, said the point-blank rifle bullet felt like he was being hit with a metal pole about "the size of a nickel."

Coffman, who watched Thornton get hit, said the muscular Marine did a backward somersault and came back up on his feet, firing and running.

The patrol team tightened into a "quite small" defensive perimeter at the landing site and pulled in all the wounded except for the point, who was killed earlier.

A Marine rushed out to get the point and got hit with a half dozen rounds near the knees. He continued to crawl toward the dead Marine when two grenades exploded alongside of him, and was only stopped when shot in the head.

(He was alive when the helicopters landed later to take the Marines out. Coffman interrupted the interview to see if he could get word on how the Marine was now doing. A call to the medical hospital revealed the Marine died overnight and Coffman's commanding officer said he'd tell his gunnery sergeant about it later when they were alone.)

During the fighting, which continued within 10 meters of the Marines' perimeter, Corporal Donald J. Chidgey, 19, took his second hit in 17 hours when a rifle bullet "bounced off my head."

Chidgey was operating a radio when hit. The round, slick spot surrounding the wound where medics had shaven his head to stitch up the cut, gave his hair the appearance of a halo when he doffed his cap for television cameras during the interview.

After Chidgey was shot, Coffman said he had to "hold onto his shirt-tails" to stop him from rushing out of the perimeter to do battle with the enemy on a more highly personal basis.

Chidgey's parents were Marines during World War II, and one of his brothers is now at Marine boot camp.

At one point in the 35-minute firefight, Coffman and Thornton stood side-by-side throwing grenades at the encircling enemy.

Knowing Thornton had been hit, Coffman took time out to ask, "How're you doing baby?"

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## Sixth Purple Heart

GySgt. Clovis C. Coffman explains to newsmen during a press interview at Da Nang, how his recon patrol broke through a North Vietnamese ambush just south of Chu Lai. In the ensuing fight, Coffman picked up his sixth Purple Heart award. (Photo by WO Greg Cornuet)

# Encircled recon unit escapes large force

By: MSgt. G. E. Wilson

DA NANG—In a two-hour battle Oct. 12, a Marine patrol fought off a large Viet Cong force that had surrounded them 20 miles west of here.

Four Viet Cong bodies were counted by the patrol. Marine casualties were light.

The patrol from the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, was in place waiting for a helicopter

lift when the VC force opened with automatic weapons from a ridgeline 200 to 300 meters away.

Corporal Leroy P. Lucas, 20, on his third patrol, and on his first as a squad leader, deployed his men in a circle in the elephant grass surrounding the landing pad and called in air support.

"All I could think of was to return the fire," said Second Lieutenant Albert S. Roberts, 25, who was on his first patrol as an observer. "I reacted the way I had been trained to react," he said.

Shortly after Lucas called for air support, a UH1-E helicopter (Huey Gunship) and two 1st Ma-

rine Aircraft Wing A4-E "Skyhawk" jet fighters dove out of the sky, peppered the ridgeline "blowing the VC away," and blunting the ambush, the corporal said.

Sporadic fire continued while part of the patrol, including the wounded, was loaded aboard the helicopter.

"We provided ground fire support so the first helicopter could get in and out," Lucas said.

A few seconds later the second chopper dropped in and the remainder of the patrol was successfully lifted away from the ambush.





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## Time's running out

Are you prepared and ready to join your countrymen on election day as they go to the polls and vote?

You should be. By now your absentee ballot should have arrived. You have studied or know your state's candidates and their qualifications. You are now ready to exercise your most priceless privilege—the right to vote.

Just how priceless that privilege is can prove elusive and hard to grasp. We take our country for granted. But a top winner in a recent Freedoms Foundation Letter Awards Program cleared away some of the cobwebs when he summed it up this way:



"Our American concept of democracy is built on the ability of government by consent of the governed. This power of each individual American is expressed at the voting booth; there begins government, the strength of the Union. America is only as strong as the American voter, and power exists only where it is exercised. Don't lose your vote—use it."

That's a very good thumbnail explanation of why we should vote. And the last sentence sums it up. Unless you use your vote, it is lost.

Don't put off mailing your absentee ballot. Mark it and mail it now. (AFNB)

## White House Fellows sought by government

WASHINGTON — Marines that are graduates of an accredited four-year college, between the ages of 23 and 36, and a citizen of the United States, are eligible for the "White House Fellows Program", according to Marine Corps Bulletin 1560

The program established by the President, is designed to give rising leaders one year of "first-hand, high-level experience" with workings of the Federal Government. Past assignments have included special assignments with each of the 10 cabinet members.

### Average age 23

Average age of U.S. sailors and Marines today is 23 years. There are about 250,000 enlisted men in the Marine Corps and approximately 660,000 in the Navy.

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Gentlemen:

We have been referred to you for a listing in the SEA TIGER for Marines and Sailors who are interested in pen-pals. We are also planning a Christmas mailing about December 1st. Would interested Marines and Sailors write to: Otto Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, the Three Clubs & Library, Mount Zion, Elliston, Kentucky 41038.



"THE MODERN UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS"—The exciting and inspiring story of the U.S. Marine Corps, from its beginning to the current struggle in the bitter guerrilla warfare in South Vietnam is told by Colonel "Jack" De Chant. Undoubtedly the most complete and comprehensive volume of its kind ever published on the Corps, "THE MODERN U. S. MARINE CORPS", includes a projection of what the planners think the Corps will be like in 1975 and a unique global map showing all the major posts and stations of the Corps. Here is an examination of the broad strategic scope of the Marine Corps as a part of the Navy-Marine global striking forces, and its needs and prime significance in the security and influence of the U. S. in the world community.

The author is a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and is a public affairs counselor now serving as Director of Information, Bureau of Employment Security, Department of Labor. He served four years on active duty as a Public Relations Officer in the Marine Corps in World War II, and pioneered the Battle Broadcasting technique, used extensively by the military services and the networks for bringing recorded battlefield radio reports to the American public.

He is also the author of DEVIL-BIRDS, the story of Marine Corps Aviation in World War II. For this book, he was awarded a National Air Council Fellowship.

His new book is published by Van Nostrand, Princeton, N.J., at \$6.95, 180 pages illustrated.

## Rice and logistics

Rice to the people of Southeast Asia is survival—life itself.

Rice contains protein, fat, starch, sugar, minerals, fibrous matter and Vitamin B. As in other countries in Asia, it is the staple food of Vietnam.

Together with salt, and coupled with weapons, it is a basic consideration in the conduct of this counterinsurgency war. Weapons determine the capability to fight; food, the capability and the will to fight.

Since the first of the year, rice has been denied to the enemy in two significant ways: First, through operations aimed at the protection of the rice harvesting (such as Golden Fleece), and secondly, through search and destroy operations.

The significance of such operations such as Golden Fleece is evident from a comparison of rice crops harvested in the area of operation before the operations began to take place, and the larger crop yield which was possible under the protection of the military.

In regular search and destroy missions and clearing operations since January 1, 1966, several thousand tons of rice have been captured.

But what is the real significance of these drives to deny the enemy his rice harvest? What importance does rice assume in the Vietnam conflict? Furthermore, what are some of the possible consequences of this loss of rice to the individual enemy soldier.

Because the combat life of the guerrilla is replete with hardship and privation, the additional burden imposed with the loss of food tends to weaken his will to fight; lessens his effectiveness in battle, and finally, affects his health by lowering his resistance to disease.

At the individual Viet Cong suffers, so does his cause and his organization. The logistics problems encountered by insurgents are difficult enough. Couple these with the losses to search and destroy operations, bombings, artillery fire, and relentless coastal and inland waterway patrols aimed at cutting the infiltration of weapons and supplies, and they assume discouraging proportions

to the VC logistic effort. Deprived of other alternatives, the VC supply system must either purchase rice from farmers at a fair price, thus depleting their supply of funds, or alienate the local population by confiscating the rice or taxing to get more.

These logistical problems disrupt the enemy time table for operations. Planning, always a VC strong point, becomes less exact, and more contingent on variables beyond their control. The element of calculated military risk rises constantly until it becomes unacceptable. Finally, preplanned operations must be indefinitely postponed or cancelled because the pre-located caches have been destroyed or captured.

The enemy does his fighting on rice. Deny him his rice ration and you hasten his defeat.

## Chaplain Speaks

### "LITTLE THINGS"

We are living in a time when the world is inclined to measure the value of things by their magnitude. We speak of great men and women as those who have reached the pinnacle of fame; of great deeds as those which have won the applause of an admiring world; of great wealth as belonging to him who can count his money by the millions. But, for a moment, think of the might of little things.

It was a little thing for a janitor to leave a lamp swinging in the Cathedral of Pisa, but in that steady swaying motion, the boy of Galileo saw the pendulum and conceived the idea of thus measuring time.

The children of a spectacle maker, when playing in their father's shop, placed two or three spectacles one over another, and told their father that distant objects looked larger. From this hint came the telescope. A spider web suggested to Captain Brown the idea of the suspension bridge.

Many time we pass through the day and fail to see the thousands of interesting things about us.

The world has more need of a great number of Christians doing the common little things of life. A great many of us are kept out of real service for Christ and the church because we are waiting for some little things. The Bible says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

—Chaplain J. Grechow



Coverage includes Da Nang—Chu Lai

# New television station opens

By: GySgt. Ron Harwood

DA NANG—Would you believe "Batman?" How about the FBI and Marshal Dillon? Even Sgt. Saunders is here to help.

It's doubtful whether "Charlie" will fold up his tent and quietly sneak away when he hears that these video heroes are in the I Corps area, but thousands of Marines, sailors, airmen and soldiers are cheering their arrival.

Television is here. The premier performance was held on Saturday, Oct. 22, when Armed Forces Television Station (AFTV) Da Nang took to the air on Channel 11, VHF.

For four hours every evening, from 6:30 to 10:30, the station will broadcast from its location near the summit of Monkey Mountain.

"We will have news broadcasts before we close every evening," said Captain Don Leach, officer in charge, "and hope to have baseball and football games on as well."

Staffed by nine Marines including the captain, an Air Force production man and an Army announcer, the station will operate from a specially built van that houses all the needs of a TV studio and transmitter.

Three of the crew, Staff Sergeant John McKay, news director, and Staff Sergeant Dan Dylewsky and Corporal Frank Schachelmayer, both engineers, watched the van as it was built at San Leandro, Calif. All of the staff attended a month long school at the Armed Forces Radio and Television Studios in Hollywood, before reporting to Vietnam.

Master Sergeant Paul Shaner is the senior enlisted man of the crew. Both he and Capt. Leach returned specifically for this task—Shaner from the retired list and Leach from the reserve rolls.

Announcers are: Army Staff Sergeant Tom Fisher, Staff Ser-

geant Jack Holsonback, and Sergeant Howard Shinrock. Airman 1st Class Robert Schwartz is the production engineer and special effects man while Sergeant Dave DeBolt is the film editor and librarian. Sergeant Charles Frazier handles the administrative details of the station. The broadcast area includes

most of the Da Nang complex and should reach as far south as Chu Lai. Reception north of Da Nang will be greatly limited because of the mountain ranges between Da Nang and Phu Bai.

The first day's broadcast opened with a special introductory program, followed by a sports show.

## MABS-36 Utilities makes life pleasant

CHU LAI — Anyone having orders to join Marine Aircraft Group-36 has a pleasant surprise coming, thanks to the Group's Marine Air Base Squadron-36 Utilities Section.

Through the efforts of Gunnery Sergeant Kenneth A. Sabo and his 75-man crew, MAG-36 has a new laundry, tin-roofed tropical huts, a chapel, and clubs that rival any in Vietnam, to name but a few of the completed projects.

In charge of the MAG-36 Utilities Section, Sgt. Sabo said, "You name it and we do it . . . as soon as possible." The Marine added, "If one project needs more men we fill it with men who have finished other jobs. We all share the load. The only real problem we have is that there's only 24 hours in a day," he explained.

Of particular pride to Sabo and the men is the water provided to the area. "According to the Group Medical Department, we supply

the best water in Vietnam to the Marines of MAG-36," Sabo stated.

Electrical power for the group is another responsibility of this section and they have a heavy equipment unit which maintains and improves the roads in the area.

Gunny Sabo is quick to point out that the men deserve all the credit for accomplishments so far. "When most of the crew came here there was nothing. They started with tents and have literally built a city from scratch," he said.

The section chief explained that the mission of MABS-36 Utilities is to provide direct support to the flying squadrons in the Group. "Because of the squadron's full time job of flying, they don't have time to worry about who is going to build living quarters for them. As long as there's a MABS-36 Utilities, they won't have to."



Navy Lt. H. H. Henson checks the ear of a Vietnamese boy during a MEDCAP. The 28-year-old doctor was one of MAG-16's medical personnel who treated the people of Son Thuy, a small village five miles south of Da Nang.

## Dr. claims Medcap helped voter turnout

DA NANG—Two Navy doctors, a dentist, and six corpmen of Marine Aircraft Group-16 entered the village of Son Thuy on October 11, ready for battle. Their enemy was disease and ignorance and their weapons were medicine, knowledge, and understanding.

Their visit to Son Thuy was one of many Medical Civil Affairs Program (Med-cap) carried out daily by the United States forces in Vietnam. The purpose is to teach the Vietnamese the principles of sanitation and disease prevention as well as curing those who are already ill.

Doctors gave shots, the dentist pulled teeth, corpsmen treated cuts and bruises, and they explained the necessity for cleanliness in the peoples' daily lives.

The fight against ignorance is a slow and difficult one, but the medical men of MAG-16 feel that they have made progress since they first visited Son Thuy last May. They also feel that their efforts are contributing to the defeat of the Viet Cong.

As 23-year old Hospitalman 2nd Class John Caldwell, put it, "They are seeing the difference between what the Viet Cong say they will do and what the Americans really do."

Navy Lieutenant J. L. Babcock, a 27-year-old doctor, agrees that

the villagers have become, "generally more friendly." He believes that the Med-caps were a contributing factor in Son Thuy's 100 per cent turn out of voters during the recent national elections.

## Trapped recon unit—

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Thornton answered, "I'm OK." Looking again, Coffman saw blood coming from the corner of Thornton's mouth and repeated, "You ok?"

Thornton replied, "I've got a bullet in my chest but I'll be all right," and continued to sling the hand grenades.

For Thornton the wound was his second within 10 days.

As the fighting reached the "touch and go" stage, Huey gunshot helicopters ("bless their hearts" Coffman said) came in and worked the enemy over within 25 yards of the perimeter.

Later fixed-wing jets firing rockets came to their aid, and the extracting helicopters arrived to almost "crash-land" in the bumpy terrain covered with deep elephant grass.

The Marines took out all their wounded dead, weapons and equipment.

But the fighting for Coffman and Sergeant Allistair J. Livingston, 24, of York, England was not quite over.

The pair remained behind on the landing zone until the loaded helicopters could return to take them out.

Livingston, a former British soldier of the Royal Light Highland Fusiliers and lieutenant with the Canadian Army's 48th Highlanders, resigned his commission to enlist in the Marines in February, 1965.

He extended his tour twice in Vietnam and now has 22 months in country. His parents and two brothers and a sister still live in England.

Within the four to five minutes it took a helicopter to return to the zone, Coffman and Livingston, hiding in the tall grass, watched four local guerrillas "waltz their way down into the position"; probably to see what they could find that the Marines had left behind.

When the quartet of VC got within six feet of the Leathernecks, Coffman and Livingston jumped out onto the trail firing their pistols.

The last of the VC was killed by Coffman with his combat knife, and brought to 20 the total confirmed enemy killed during the operation.

Both Coffman and Livingston also picked up their second wound in Vietnam during the fighting.

For Livingston it was his second in two weeks.

Coffman's Purple Heart awards now total six—he was wounded four times while fighting with this same 1st Marine Division in Korea.

Coffman continuously praised the actions of his men during the interview.

The soft-speaking father of a five-year-old son and a three-year-old daughter, told newsmen "there's one thing about getting shot; and there's another about being shot two or three times or more and still getting up for more."

He said that over a half-dozen of his men—including the corpsman—were hit so bad they couldn't move about; but they just "sat in place firing rifles anyhow."

Coffman, a Marine reservist, voluntarily returned to active duty only six months ago. The owner of a free lance commercial art studio in Richmond, Coffman previously served on active duty with the Marines from 1949 until 1956 when he joined the organized reserve.

He has been in Vietnam four months.

On Oct. 11, eight members of the patrol including Thornton, Chidgey and Livingston received meritorious promotions because of their actions in the firefight.



DISEMBARK—A Vietnamese soldier runs out of a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron CH-46 Sea Knight while the crew chief unloads a 55-gallon drum. HMM-165's Sea Knights, with their heavy payload, are being used extensively on resupply missions. (Photo by Sgt. R. C. Hathaway)

## Retain—

(Continued From Page 1) assigned or future missions of USMACV."

The directive states that officers will be encouraged to extend voluntarily, but when necessary they will be retained involuntarily. Officers may apply for selection.

Selected officers will be granted 30 days ordinary leave with space-required travel to CONUS after completion of at least nine months of their tour.

MACV advises that the bill now before Congress to grant 30 days free leave to personnel who extend their Vietnam tours has not yet been approved.

## U.S. Seventh Fleet

The U.S. Seventh Fleet, which has been stationed strategically in the Far East since World War II, has about 200 ships, 700 aircraft and 70,000 personnel.





## Happy pilot

Captain Victor D. Steele (center) of Marine Air Group 12 indicates he is unhurt to Captain Peter M. Busch (right) and Gunny Sergeant Darle W. Eder, after Steele maneuvered his A4E "Skyhawk" jet into the arresting cable during an intentional wheels-up landing on the Da Nang runway Oct. 6. Steele, who had missed the arresting cable on his first attempt, guided the jet through 500 ft. of foamed runway, balancing the aircraft on its centerline fuel tank, then lifted off for another try. On his second attempt, he made a successful landing into the arresting equipment on the forward runway. Steele was on a test flight from Chu Lai to Da Nang and was forced to land wheels-up when normal and emergency measures failed to lower his left main landing gear. Captain Busch was the landing signal officer during the incident. The arresting equipment prevented the aircraft from being seriously damaged by controlling its stopping point.

## 7 Marines coaching for 5th Asian games

Twenty-five athletes from the ranks of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Service elements are coaching Vietnamese aspirants to the Fifth Asian Games scheduled to be held in Bangkok 9-20 December. Seven of the coaches are Marines.

Most of the Servicemen are from field units throughout the command, brought in to train the Vietnamese athletes and coaches in the Saigon-Cholon area.

They are coaching in basketball, boxing, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and weightlifting.

Using equipment donated by MACV and JUSPAO, the coaches also are instructing in three sports that will not be contended at the Asian Games — fencing, gymnastics and judo.

Coaches include 14 Army, seven Marine Corps, three Navy and one Air Force. Two U.S. government civilians are assisting in the program.

The seven Marine coaches are:

### Tower captive

By: Cpl. Mike Saska

CHU LAI—Many are the stories of men who have painted themselves into a corner, but a Marine lance corporal from Chicago added a new twist.

Lance Corporal Don W. Morrill built a water tower at Marine Aircraft Group-12, and was caught at the top without an escape route.

Working for the utilities section in Chu Lai, Morrill was to build the sides of the wooden water tower in short order.

He climbed the 30 foot high framework pulling behind him metal sheets to complete the roof. Once on top he began nailing the metal sheets to the framework. As the last sheet was nailed into place Morrill realized he had "sealed off" his avenue of escape.

"I got a good view of the group area, and it was pretty cool until afternoon when the sun hit me," Morrill said. "I really didn't mind staying up there as long as I got my chow."

Members of his section came to Morrill's rescue with a mobile crane and in time for chow call.

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- Captain James E. Hayes, a pilot from 1st MAF, a collage basketball star who is coaching that sport here.

- Second Lieutenant Donald R. Shaw, FMF Pacific, a service star in volleyball, coaching same.

- CWO John E. (Bulldog) Tinsley of 1st Marine Air Wing Supply, boxing and football star, coaching boxing.

- Lance Corporal Joseph J. Callaghan Jr., 7th Engineer Battalion, strong lifting background, coaching same.

- Second Lieutenant Owen H. Dowd, III Marine Amphibious Force Disbursing Officer, college basketball experience, coaching same.

- First Lieutenant Roger H. Schmitt of 4th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, college shot put, coaching shot put.

- Captain Robert K. Taubert, unit commander in 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, coaching weightlifting.

### Six promoted close to DMZ

DONG HA — Five Marine captains and a first lieutenant of the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, will remember their promotion ceremony Oct. 16 for a good reason. It was conducted a scant 1000 yards south of the Demilitarized Zone during Operation Prairie.

Those promoted to captain were: George Burgett, commanding officer of "F" Company; Eric Farrell, forward air control officer; J. N. Doherty, logistics officer; Bill Lindsay, air liaison officer; John Reilly, communications officer, and assistant operations officer; and to first lieutenant, Lance P. Woodburn, platoon commander of 2nd platoon, "G" Company.

# 9th Marines platoon on safari thought they shot 20-foot VC

By: LCpl. Dan Lubell

DONG HA—It started as a routine patrol for the Ninth Marine Regiment platoon—it ended up as a "safari".

The original mission was to recon a 400-yard-high ridge line near the "rock pile" eight miles west of here.

When the point fireteam, led by Lance Corporal Dave Lusian, was about 200 feet up the mountain a large cave opening was spotted. The unit hacked its way to the entrance and prepared for action.

A few days before, 20 Viet Cong soldiers were spotted there. They were dispersed by a 106mm recoilless rifle team from the 2nd Battalion command post area.

The rest of the 3rd platoon moved to the cave entrance. Second Lieutenant Forrest Goodwin, platoon commander, led a squad into the cave. The other two squads took up defensive positions near the entrance.

As the Marines moved into the cave, they discovered an immense cavern. "You could build a four-lane highway here," said Goodwin.

The entire mountain was a mass of honey-combed tunnels leading into other caves.

The squad made its way further into the mountain. It encountered four-inch beetles, large lizards, and hundreds of bird nests.

Lance Corporal Gannet Peck and his fireteam made wooden torches and crept deeper into the large cavern.

Thousands of bats swooped down at the fireteam. Privates First Class Tony Daidone, and Jerry Currin fought off the attacking bats with their hands and weapons. Lance Corporal Raphael Jenkins, said some of the bats they killed had a two-foot wing spread.

After four hours of exploration, the platoon climbed to the top of the ridge to set up night defenses.

The early evening was quiet. Sergeant Norman Sessions, checked each position. When he reached the fighting hole of Corporal Bruce Dean, he heard a movement about 30 feet down the mountain slope. Immediately the platoon was alerted for an enemy attack.

A dark, crouched shape loomed up moving toward the Marines. Sessions opened fire then yelled "immediately" for his men almost immediately. The crouched not to shoot. The "enemy" he had shot was a

Viet Cong—but a 75-pound, four-foot tall mountain ape.

Corporal Charles Bell, on watch with his M-60 machine gun, sighted two large tigers near the cave entrance. "I wish they would've charged us. I've never hunted big game," he said.

The next morning another ape

dropped out of a tree near Dean who shot him through reflex action. The machine gunner said, "I thought I had it when I saw what looked like a 20-foot Charlie jump down at me."

The patrol returned to base camp. The report: No enemy sighted—two apes KIA.

## Help from engineers

By: Cpl. David Hines

CHU LAI—The two Marines were in trouble on Highway One. Their mighty mite was stalled.

They stood, wondering what to do next.

Three dump trucks loaded with tons of dirt and gravel rumbled past, going in the opposite direction.

They stopped.

Six members of the 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division climbed out of their vehicles, almost in unison, and swarmed around the mite.

"Yep, out of gas," said one.

All hands turned to, and pushed the stalled jeep over to one of the trucks and siphoned gas into it.

After completing the refill, the

Marines found that the mite still wouldn't start, so they began pushing it up and down the highway, until finally the motor began to sputter and then started.

Once the motor started, the engineers laughed with satisfaction and then mounted their trucks and roared away.

Marines around the Chu Lai area have grown to respect and admire the hard working engineers who never find their working schedule too tight to stop for hitchhikers or someone stranded with a stalled vehicle.

"Roadside courtesy is a must, particularly here in Vietnam," says LCpl. Mike Collier. "If one of us were stranded with our trucks or just hitchhiking, we would expect the same courtesy."

## III MAF dedicates two new classrooms

By: GySgt Harry Duke

DA NANG — A III Marine Amphibious Force Civic Action gesture planned last April became a reality Oct. 15 with the dedication of two new classrooms for the Khiet-Tam (Pure Heart) school in Da Nang.

Construction of the rooms, a joint effort of the III MAF and Vietnamese school, was completed in about six weeks. Marines furnished the money and some of the materials while the actual building was undertaken by the Vietnamese.

Dedication ceremonies included the raising of the American and

Vietnamese flags as a Marine drum and bugle corps played the two countries' national anthems and addresses by Bishop Pham Ngoc, of Da Nang, and Brigadier General Jonas Platt, chief of staff, III MAF.

Students presented the bishop and general with flowers, sang songs and performed a dance to show their appreciation.

At the completion of the ceremony, fruitbars, nuts and cold monies, prepared by the III MAF drinks prepared. Each student was presented a religious medal.

## Downed chopper

By: Cpl. Ira Taylor

CHU LAI—It began as a routine visual recon mission for Captain Donald R. Hudson, an observer with the 1st Marine Division Air Observation Section. Before the mission was over it would prove much more than routine.

"We were flying from Ky Ha to Tam Ky, checking the condition of Highway 1 after the latest rains," Hudson said.

While over the area known as Pineapple Forest, three miles west of Tam Ky, the UH-1E Helicopter (Huey) received small arms fire. One of the rounds severed the tail-rotor shaft, causing power failure.

"The first sign of trouble was the audio warning signal of the headset which warns of revolutions per minute (RPM) failure," the captain said. "I didn't know we were hit but I knew we were going down."

The pilot, Captain Eugene Marquette maintained control of the crippled Huey as it rotated downward, sending out a "Mayday" to the escort chopper.

"It was pretty comforting to see the other chopper alongside us after we landed," Hudson said.



DANCE OF APPRECIATION—Vietnamese students of the Khiet-Tam School in Da Nang perform a dance to show their appreciation for two new classrooms built through a III Marine Amphibious Force Civic Action project.

(Photo By: LCpl. H. L. Romine III)





**RICE HARVEST**—PFC Alexander G. Sanchez watches closely as rice harvesters tie bundles of rice during a Golden Fleece operation a few miles from Chu Lai. Leathernecks from the Fifth Marines provided security for harvesters. (Photo by Sgt. L. E. Lenin)

# Vietnamese children receive scholarships thanks to Chaplain

By: Cpl. Bob Pitner

DA NANG—Twenty-three Vietnamese teen-agers will be able to finish high school thanks to the efforts of Navy Lieutenant Commander Willard W. Bartlett, a chaplain with Marine Aircraft Group-16.

On Oct. 17, the youths received the first scholarships to be given by the Vietnamese Education Scholarship Board, founded by the American minister.

Chaplain Bartlett formed the board by bringing together representatives of the Da Nang area's four major religions. Its members include ministers and educators from the Buddhist, Cao Dai, Roman Catholic, and Protestant faiths.

Although the funds for the scholarships are contributed by Americans serving in Vietnam and their families, the board itself is made up entirely of Vietnamese.

The chaplain is an advisor but has no vote in its proceedings.

Since his arrival in Vietnam in Dec., 1965, the 39-year-old Congregationalist has been interested in the advancement of the Vietnamese people. He feels, however, that "education and hard work" are more valuable than charity.

He put his ideas to work by helping to provide financial assistance for deserving youths who otherwise would be unable to complete their education.

Students are picked on the basis of scholastic merit and financial need.

## 214 strike

CHU LAI—Two Marine pilots, in an unusual scramble to North Vietnam, were alerted to fly their A4E Skyhawks to destroy an unseen target.

Captain B.L. Coleman and First Lieutenant Edward W. Kent left Marine Aircraft Group -12 before dawn.

The two Marine Attack Squadron -214 jets arrived on target in less than a half hour to discover the target was visible from the air.

The Leathernecks, in one run, destroyed the enemy truck convoy and witnessed secondary explosions and a secondary fire before returning to Chu Lai.

# Unit finds 'Golden Fleece' unique

By: Cpl. Ira Taylor

CHU LAI—To the Vietnamese farmers near the hamlet of Ky Lien, eight miles south of Chu Lai, it was just another rice harvest.

To Leathernecks of the Fifth Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, it was a new and unique experience — their first "Golden Fleece" operation.

A Golden Fleece operation is designed to protect Vietnamese workers during the rice harvest

and at the same time deny the rice to the Viet Cong.

Marines, working together with Vietnamese Popular Forces, patrolled the area heavily, sending out night patrols and setting up ambushes, as well as making constant sweeps of the area to insure a safe harvest for the farmers.

"We haven't had any harassment yet from the Viet Cong and I think the patrols are keeping them out," said Captain James M. Sims, one of the officers participating in the operation.

"The Marines enjoy helping the Vietnamese farmers and the farmers seem grateful to the Leathernecks for what they are doing," the captain said.

One hundred and sixty-five tons of rice have been harvested since the operation began Oct. 9, with as many as 700 harvesters working in one day. An estimated 80 tons remain to be harvested.

## 'We move units not just gear'

CHU LAI—The slogan of one moving van company "We move families, not just people" could be paraphrased when applied to Marine Air Base Squadron (MAG-13) heavy equipment section to read, "We move units, not just gear."

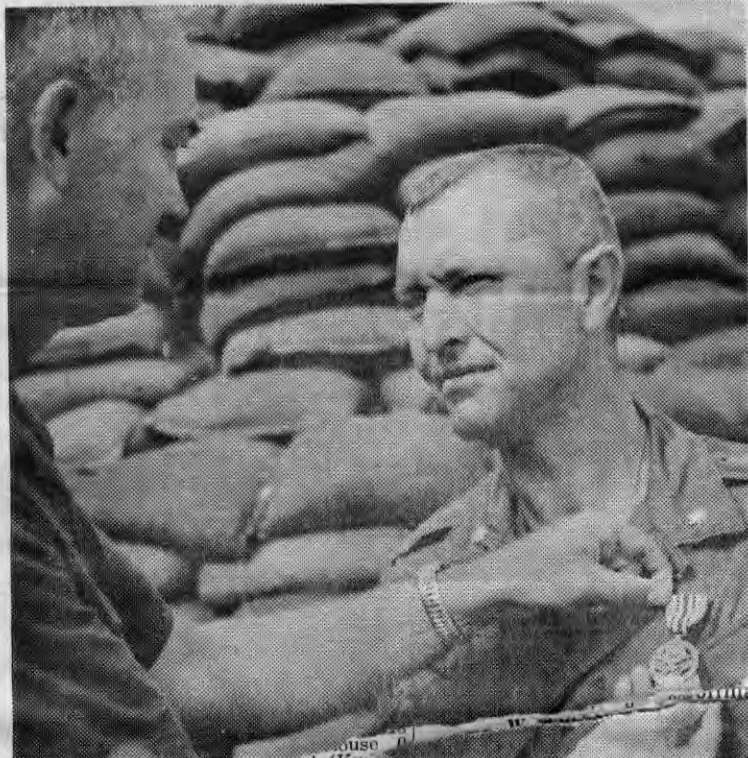
Like their civilian counterpart, the MAG-13 unit also boasts of an extremely low breakage record, when moving items ranging from coffee cups to 6,450 pound mobile arresting gear.

This 15-man section, under the direction of Staff Sergeant Rodney L. Jaeger, has moved the group's gear including avionics and radar vans and mess hall refrigerators; in some cases, three times since the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing outfit arrived at Chu Lai early in October.

During the first few weeks the section's fork-lifts were driven nearly 1,400 hours. On one occasion all nine were dealines for preventive maintenance at midnight. Working under specially-rigged lights, the mechanics had eight ready to go by 8 a.m.

"I have nine operators, four mechanics and a dispatcher to handle the load," Jaeger said. "Most times these men work 16-18 hours a day, and have, on occasion, put in 36 straight hours to accomplish a job."

The Section's bulldozer and crane operators help build roads and living quarters.



## Medal winner

1st Lt. William H. Rice, fire support coordination officer for the 12th Marines, is awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service at the Defense Atomic Support Agency. He served as operations and instruction officer at the Albuquerque, N.M. base from July 1963 to June 1966. Col. B. S. Read, regiment CO, makes the presentation.

(Photo by Sgt. Kevin B. McVeigh)

# California city adopts battalion

By: Sgt. Mike McCusker

CHU LAI—Ever hear of a city "adopting an entire battalion of Marines?"

The city of Martinez, Calif., has.

The 9,600 citizens of Martinez have adopted the officers, men and trucks of the 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

"We have been seeking a way to indicate our support for our country's policy in Vietnam, and particularly our appreciation to the men who are serving in that country," Mayor John Costanza and City Manager Paul F. Hughey said in a joint-letter to 1st Motor's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Russell E. Johnson.

"As a result we would like to propose to you that the City and people of Martinez adopt your battalion as its own," they added.

It all started with a group of anti-war demonstrators who expressed their adverse feelings in front of the Naval Weapons Station, Port Chicago-Concord, Calif., just a few miles east of Martinez.

The City of Martinez decided to balance the ledger and show where it stood in the matter.

Knowing that other cities had adopted units in Vietnam, the Martinez City Council discussed the proposal with Major Michael E. White, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks at the Naval Weapons Station. Major White recommended adopting the 1st Motor Transport Battalion.

"The generous offer to adopt this battalion is a pleasure seldom experienced," Col. Russell wrote in a letter accepting the city's proposal. "The content of your proposals were enthusiastically received by the officers and men and is already proving to be inspirational. It is with deepest gratitude that we accept your most generous offer to adopt this battalion."

# Roadside attendant has 'heard them all'

By Sgt. Mike McCusker

CHU LAI — "How much gas do you need?" the Marine dragging the heavy black hose with the silver snout asked the two men in the jeep.

"No, I'm not going to check your tires or wash your windshield—how many times a day do you think people ask me that kind of question . . . ?"

No doubt a hum-dred.

No doubt a hum-dred. Lance Corporal Ronald J. Sheerer believes he has heard every wisecrack there is about his job of pumping gas into dusty jeeps, trucks or whatever other type of vehicle pulls into his roadside "gas station" at a busy intersection on Highway One.

"Mobile Gas Station Number One" is a large truck-trailer sagging under the weight of four 800-gallon gas tanks. It is one of two such gas points provided at Chu Lai by the Bulk Fuel Platoon of Supply Company, Force Logistics Command—"B".

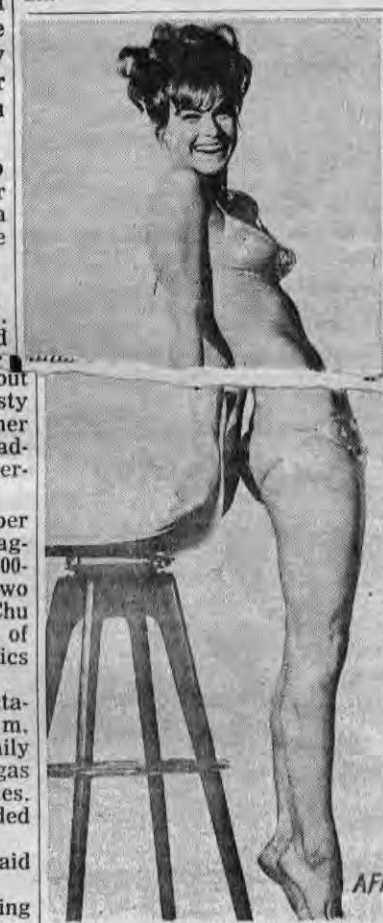
Sheerer opens his thriving station at 7 a.m., closes after 5 p.m.

He estimates he pumps a daily average of 3,000 gallons of gas into at least 150 thirsty vehicles. Once a day a fuel truck is needed to refill the empty tanks.

"I've heard them all," he said sardonically.

"People come in here asking for high test ethyl, green stamps

—believe me, I've heard them all."



## Fireball

It's obvious Patti Chandler of the movies is happy about something. Maybe it's her role in a new movie called Fireball. Maybe it's just she's happy to be posing for all the Marines of the III Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam.

## Gen. McCutcheon receives DSM

Marine Corps helicopter pioneer Major General Keith B. McCutcheon received the Distinguished Service Medal in October 6 ceremonies for his Vietnam service as Commander of Marine Air and Deputy Commander of Third Marine Amphibious Force. During the Korean Conflict, he commanded the first tactical helicopter squadron that saw service in Korea.



# Serpent in tropical garden tamed by civil affairs team

By: Cpl. Jim Paynter

DA NANG—Ly Tin is a tropical paradise. An island in the South China Sea some 25 miles from Ky Ha. Its two volcanoes were tamed long ago and now lush foliage, instead of lava, covers their slopes.

But there is a serpent in this tropical garden—a serpent comprised of disease, filth and lack of sanitation.

Many of the 10,000 people on the island are covered with open sores or are afflicted with what doctors suspect is impetigo and yaws. Most do not know the benefits of soap.

Led by Captain Cyril E. Gonzales, the Provisional Rifle Company of Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-36, is working to help Ly Tin.

Every week Capt. Gonzales, some of his men plus doctors and corpsmen from MAG-36, make the trip to the island. From the moment their helicopters land, they are overwhelmed by the islanders greeting them. The Marines and medical personnel are invited to have tea and bananas in the islanders' thatched huts.

Major General L. B. Robertshaw, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding officer, recently made a trip to the island with the civil affairs team, and he commented on the friendliness of the people and the enthusiasm with which they greet the Marines.

Once the greetings have been taken care of, the doctors and corpsmen set to work treating the sick. On a recent visit, more than 100 medical and dental patients were treated in less than two hours.

While the medical section of

the civil affairs team is at work, the rifle company Marines help keep order among the Vietnamese gathered for sick call. Sometimes they do another equally important job by walking around making friends with the islanders.

The Marines are helping build a Catholic school and a dispensary. Two more schools are planned. In addition, they distribute school books and soap donated by people in the United States.

Captain Gonzales, a 37-year-old veteran of over 20 years in the

Marine Corps, is enthusiastic about his part in helping the people of Ly Tin, but he knows that only the surface has been scratched in completely wiping out sickness and disease there.

## Award twist

DA NANG — Many Marines receive decorations in the United States following duty in Vietnam.

Not Captain John V. Brennan. He gets them in Vietnam for duty in the United States.

Operations officer for the 2nd Battalion, Twelfth Marines, 1st Marine Division, Brennan was presented the Army Commendation Medal Oct. 16, during ceremonies at the regimental headquarters.

He was cited for meritorious service while serving as an instructor at the U. S. Army Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, Okla.

During this three year tour of duty there, Brennan graduated over 300 artillery officers.

## New CO 9th Marines

DA NANG — Colonel R. M. Richards assumed command of the Ninth Marines at Hill No. 55, 10 miles south of Da Nang this month. He succeeded Colonel D. J. Barrett, Jr., who commanded the unit for the past three months.

Colonel Richards was Division Assistant Chief of Staff (G-4) before this assignment. Colonel Barrett becomes assistant chief of staff (G-3) for the III Marine Amphibious Force.

## Roy Rogers, Dale Evans entertain

By: Cpl. D. L. Cellers

DA NANG—Country and western music at its best—is what the 3rd Shore Party Battalion witnessed the night of Oct. 18 when Roy Rogers and Dale Evans appeared at the battalion's Enlisted Club.

The popular couple, accompanied by "Wayne West and his Travelons," arrived in Vietnam Oct. 13 for their first in-country tour. They appeared at various military installations in the Saigon area before coming to Da Nang.

"Saigon is a city of wheels," stated the western movie hero. "The streets are so crowded that transportation is very slow and treacherous. After seeing this, I

will never again gripe about the traffic on the freeways in California."

Rogers, known to many as "The King of the Cowboys," appeared at military bases in the Da Nang area for four days before returning to Saigon.

While in flight from Saigon to Da Nang in a C-130, Roy, a licensed pilot, was in control of the plane over half the way here.

"It was raining so hard and visibility was so slight that I had to give the controls back to the pilot," said Roy.

"At times it seemed that we were almost skipping across the South China Sea. I was a nervous wreck all the way," he smiled.

Roy and Dale make their home in Apple Valley, Calif., where they own and operate an inn when not on the road making guest appearances.

The "Travelons" entertained at the inn for four months before volunteering to accompany the famous couple on their tour of Vietnam.

Wayne West is the leader of the singing group while Dick Slye, a cousin to Roy, is the lead guitar player. Other members of the group included Chuck Lawyer, pianist; Jim Carney, bass guitar; and Tim Goben, drummer.

Throughout the show, drenching rains and thunder nearly drowned out the sounds of western music. When the downpour reached its peak, Dale set down her microphone and calmly stated, "I guess I have seen a monsoon season."

Ending the show, the couple sang their ever-popular theme song, "Happy Trails to You," then signed autographs and talked to Marines in the battalion.

## Aviation trophy goes to 212

WASHINGTON — Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron 212, the first Marine jet aircraft squadron to be deployed aboard a CVA for combat operations, has been selected to receive the Commandant's Aviation Efficiency Award for FY 66.

Admiral Roy L. Johnson, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, in announcing the award, said, "This award is won only through devoted effort and superb professionalism on the part of all hands." The squadron was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Ludden of Chico, Calif., for the period covered in the award.



## Shade and strength

A wounded Vietnamese soldier lies in the shade of his wife's hat and receives intravenous fluid from the bottle she is holding for a Navy Corpsman from MAG-36, while he attends another patient. Wives of Vietnamese soldiers often accompany their husbands to the hospital when they have been injured. (Photo by Sgt. R. C. Hathaway)

## Lack of excitement but plenty of work

Story By Cpl. Jim Paynter

DA NANG — Sergeant Charles Solomon has a demanding job; but to him it is interesting, and one in which he has many years of experience.

The 25-year-old Leatherneck is the NCOIC of the Marine Air Group (MAG)-36 Special Services section at Ky Ha.

Sergeant Solomon began his dealings with athletic gear in his father's sporting goods store in Portland. He enlarged his experience by working in the sports department of a large department store while stationed at New River in 1965.

After arriving here in December 1965, he flew as a gunner with Marine Observation Squadron-6 for about six months. His transfer to special services meant a decline in the wiry NCO's daily excitement, but he compensates for it by hard work and long hours.

He recently finished an inventory of all items handled by the Group special services section — footballs, basketballs, skin diving equipment, gym clothes, badminton sets and a host of other paraphernalia — and found that almost 6,000 items are included in his list of equipment on hand. Working alone, the list took him one week to complete.

Solomon



## New bunker's solidly built

CHU LAI — When three members of Marine Aircraft Group-13's guard section overheard the guard chief mention a need for a command bunker, they decided to do something about it.

The men, Lance Corporal Benjamin N. Jackson and Privates First Class Antony E. Sanchez and Robert D. Connors, like most Marines, didn't go for half-way measures.

Working in their spare time, with materials immediately available, they built a six-foot high bunker covering some 15 square feet in three days.

The position consists of a reinforced steel box, surrounded with a double layer of sand bags.

Stocked with food and water, the new bunker also has a radio system connected with all the group's defensive positions. It has been designated the nerve center for the MAG-13 perimeter defense in case of an attack.

Gunnery Sergeant Melbern L. Boutilier, the group guard chief said, "These men did a remarkable job in such a short time. The new bunker can withstand just about any type of small arms fire. I'd bet it would take a direct hit from a 155mm artillery shell to penetrate it."



Dale Evans belts out a country and western tune to the accompaniment of Roy Rogers and the Wayne West Travelons at the 3d Shore Party Bn. Enlisted Club.

(Photo by Cpl. N. B. Call)



# Late football scores college and pro

## College Scores

**Friday Night**  
St. Thomas (Minn.) 21 Macalester 6  
Miami (Fla.) 14 Indiana 7

**Saturday EAST**  
Youngstown 43 S. Connecticut 14  
Upsala 21 Susquehanna 14  
Massachusetts 12 Boston U. 7  
Rutgers 37 Columbia 34  
Army 28 Pittsburgh 0  
Navy 21 Wm. & Mary 0  
Cornell 16 Yale 14  
Harvard 19 Dartmouth 14  
Wittenberg 37 Heidelberg 8  
Moravian 12 Lebanon Vall. 7  
Northeastern 15 N. Hampshire 14  
Worcester Tech 16 Coast Guard 14  
RPI 57 Haverford 0  
Trinity 26 St. Lawrence 14  
Princeton 30 Penn 13  
Colgate 48 Brown 7  
Penn St. 38 W. Virginia 6  
Villanova 15 West Chester 0  
Syracuse 28 Holy Cross 6  
Middlebury 20 Bates 19  
Wagner 13 Albright 7  
American Int. 39 Springfield 20  
Maine 21 Rhode Island 6  
Morgan St. 38 Delaware St. 6  
Harvard 19 Dartmouth 14  
Boston Coll. 22 Buffalo 21  
Vermont 43 Norwich 0  
Gettysburg 20 Kings Point 16  
Lock Haven 17 Edinboro 14  
Carnegie Tech 7 F. & Marshall 0  
Slippery Rock 25 Glassboro 0  
Pittsburgh St. 24 Washburn 20  
Grove City 6 Westminster 6  
Delaware 41 Lehigh 0  
Temple 35 Connecticut 25  
Cal. (Pa.) 42 Shippensburg 31  
Lafayette 25 Bucknell 7  
NYU 7 Fordham 0  
Trenton St. 21 C. Conn. 19

**SOUTH**  
Va. Tech 24 Virginia 7  
N.C. State 33 Duke 7  
Georgia 27 Kentucky 15  
Wake Forest 3 N. Carolina 0  
Hampton 7 Virginia St. 0  
Georgia Tech 35 Tulane 17  
Tennessee 29 S. Carolina 17  
E. Carolina 27 Citadel 17  
G. Washington 13 VMI 0  
R.-Macon 7 Millsaps 7  
J.C. Smith 19 Shaw 6  
Furman 29 Newberry 7  
Alabama 42 Vanderbilt 6  
Mississippi 27 Houston 6  
E. Tenn. St. 42 Wofford 6  
Elon 39 Catawba 28  
N.C. College 12 Maryland St. 6  
W.Va. St. 7 Bluefield St. 7  
N.C. A & T 56 Winston Salem 0  
Clark 34 Savannah St. 18  
Tenn. Tech 51 Murray 13  
E. Kentucky 35 Findlay 6  
Tenn.-Martin 40 Bradley 0  
Fayetteville 25 Morris 7  
Alabama A & M 22 B.-Cookman 0  
Tenn. St. 29 Florida A & M 0  
Florida 28 LSU 0  
Florida St. 10 Miss. St. 0  
Richmond 23 Davidson 17  
Miss. Vall. St. 27 Ed Waters 2  
W.Va. Wesleyan 27 W. Liberty 7  
Salem 25 Glenville 14  
S.C. State 40 Albany St. 15  
S.W. La. 6 Samford 3  
Memphis St. 6 Tulsa 0  
Bishop 33 Paul Quinn 0  
Louisville 35 Marshall 15  
Centre 27 Swane 0  
Harding 21 Maryville 10  
Southern U. 14 Alcorn 14  
Grambling 28 Jackson St. 18  
Hamp.-Sydney 28 J. Hopkins 6  
Bridgewater 19 Frostburg 6  
C.-Newman 14 Appalachian 14  
Presbyterian 23 Guilford 16  
Central St. 20 Kentucky St. 18  
Ala. St. 9 Morehead (Kan.) 2  
Mid. Tenn. 20 Morehead (Kan.) 2

**MIDWEST**  
Nebraska 21 et c. 21  
Stanford 14 et c. 14  
Iowa 14 et c. 14  
Illinois 3 et c. 3

Oklahoma St. 10 Kansas 7  
Notre Dame 38 Oklahoma 0  
Ball St. 17 Butler 14  
C. Mich. 20 Illinois St. 6  
W. Mich. 14 Toledo 13  
N. Dak. St. 18 North Dakota 15  
Kent St. 35 Bowling Green 12  
Cincinnati 28 Kansas St. 14  
Michigan 49 Minnesota 0  
Missouri 10 Iowa St. 10  
Miami (O.) 33 Ohio U. 13  
Michigan St. 41 Purdue 20  
Ohio St. 24 Wisconsin 13  
Northwestern 24 Iowa 15  
Iowa St. 10 Missouri 10  
Okla. St. 10 Kansas 7  
Stanford 6 Illinois 3  
Mt. Union 29 Hiram 0  
Kenyon 13 Wilmington 7  
Marietta 6 Otterbein 3  
Muskingum 32 Wooster 0  
Case Tech 23 Sheppard 15  
Augustana 10 N. Central 7  
E. Illinois 16 W. Illinois 6  
Monmouth 6 Knox 0  
Central 19 Dubuque 14  
S. Dak. St. 22 S. Dakota 18  
St. Col. Ia. 2 Morningside 0  
Xavier (O.) 27 Chattanooga 10  
De Paul 36 Earlham 6  
St. Joseph's 17 Valparaiso 12  
Dayton 10 N. Mich. 0  
Ind. St. 20 Evansville 18  
Colo. Coll. 27 Wm. Jewell 21  
S.W. Okla. 28 S.E. Okla. 14  
E. Cent. Okla. 22 Panhandle 15

**SOUTHWEST**  
Prairie View 30 Ark. AM&N 0  
SMU 24 Texas Tech 7  
Texas A&M 17 Baylor 13  
Auburn 7 TCU 6  
Texas 14 Rice 6  
Okla. St. 10 Kansas 7  
Oregon St. 18 Ariz. St. 17  
Utah 24 Arizona 19  
N.M. Highlands 73 W.N. Mex. 21  
Arkansas 51 Wichita St. 0  
N. Tex. St. 53 S. Illinois 6  
Tex. Western 35 San Jose St. 0  
Lamar Tech 10 McNeese St. 7  
Sam Houston 27 Southwest Tex. 16  
Texas A&I 28 McMurray 0  
Ark. St. 33 Abilene C. 22  
W. Tex. St. 17 N. Mex. St. 14  
Kansas A&M 17 Henderson (Ark.) 7  
Ouachita (Ark.) 19 La. Coll. 0

**FAR WEST**  
Colo. St. U. 41 Air Force 21  
Brig. Young 33 New Mexico 6  
E. Wash. 28 W. Wash. 28  
Nevada 40 W. Wash. 28  
Wyoming 35 Utah St. 10  
UCLA 28 California 15  
Washington St. 14 Idaho 7  
Southern Cal. 30 Clemson 0  
Washington 10 Oregon 7  
S.F. State 39 Chico St. 13  
Montana St. 45 Weber St. 36  
Cal. Poly (SLO) 28 San Fern. St. 22  
UC-Santa Barb. 43 Cal. Poly Pomona 20  
Fresno St. 14 La. St. 7  
E. Montana 19 W. Montana 17  
Lewis & Clark 20 Willamette 6  
S. Oregon 55 E. Oregon 7

## Pro Races

Compiled From Wire Services  
**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
St. Louis	5	1	1	.833	168	113
Dallas	4	1	1	.800	214	85
Cleveland	4	2	0	.667	185	107
Washington	4	3	0	.571	147	151
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	150	157
Pittsburgh	1	4	1	.200	112	166
New York	1	5	1	.167	130	234
Atlanta	0	7	0	.000	55	100

Western Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	185	74
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	159	119
San Fran.	3	2	1	.600	129	141
Los Angeles	4	3	0	.571	128	117
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	77	99
Detroit	2	5	0	.286	104	139
Minnesota	1	4	1	.200	122	126

**Sunday**

Green Bay	7	21	7	21-56
Atlanta	0	0	3	0-3
Chicago	7	10	0	0-17
Los Angeles	0	10	0	0-10
Philadelphia	0	24	0	7-31
New York	3	0	0	0-3
Washington	3	6	3	14-26
St. Louis	7	3	3	7-20
Cleveland	10	3	17	0-30
Dallas	7	0	0	14-21
Baltimore	0	10	3	7-20
Minnesota	0	7	3	7-17
San Francisco	3	7	3	14-27
Detroit	0	10	0	14-24

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Eastern Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New York	4	2	1	.667	149	122
Boston	3	2	1	.600	127	128
Buffalo	3	3	1	.500	168	164
Houston	3	4	0	.429	184	146
Miami	2	5	0	.286	116	185

Western Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	237	137
San Diego	4	2	1	.667	174	106
Oakland	4	3	0	.571	132	150
Denver	1	6	0	.143	91	240

**Sunday**

Oakland	0	7	0	17-24
New York	7	7	0	7-21
Boston	0	14	7	14-35
San Diego	7	3	7	0-17
Kansas City	14	7	14	21-56
Denver	0	3	7	0-10
Miami	7	7	3	3-20
Houston	0	3	10	0-13



## Constant security

Cpl. David Valgarino stands his tour of guarding the MACS-7 squadron area. In addition to their regular duties in the supply section, the men of this versatile unit also help furnish security 24 hours a day.

## AWARDED SILVER STAR

# Tank Bn. officer directs battle despite painful wounds suffered

By: SSgt Ron Fraizer

DA NANG—"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action, although painfully wounded by a Viet Cong mortar," Major James G. Doss was awarded the Silver Star Medal during ceremonies here Oct. 11.

Commanding officer of the 3rd Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, the major was cited for his actions of Aug. 17 after the VC had launched a vicious midnight mortar barrage and small arms attack on the battalion headquarters.

Suffering from an impairment of hearing and painful wounds in the leg and hip, Doss continued to direct medical aid for the more seriously wounded.

Realizing that the defensive perimeter might be penetrated at any moment, he asked to be assisted to the battalion command bunker after the logistics officer had been killed and the battalion executive officer gravely wounded. From the bunker he assumed control of the operations. In spite of heavy small arms fire, Doss continually moved to the edge of the perimeter to personally observe and direct the defense.

Additionally, he coordinated the activities of the three other battalions in the same area. It was not until the following morning, seven hours later, that he submitted to medical aid after being

assured that recovery operations were progressing satisfactorily. The former inspector-instructor of the 2nd Tank Co., reserve unit of Boise, Idaho, Doss returned to the United States this month following a 13-month tour of duty in Vietnam.

# Decorated for heroic leadership under fire

By: Sgt. David Sturgeon

DONG HA—A 3rd Division Marine was awarded the Silver Star Medal at a ceremony this month for gallantry in action.

Staff Sergeant Billy G. Marshall, was cited for his heroic actions last February when he took command of an infantry platoon after his platoon commander had been wounded.

The 1st Battalion, Fourth Regiment Marine was credited with maneuvering his unit to stop the advance of an estimated Viet Cong company during a pre-dawn attack.

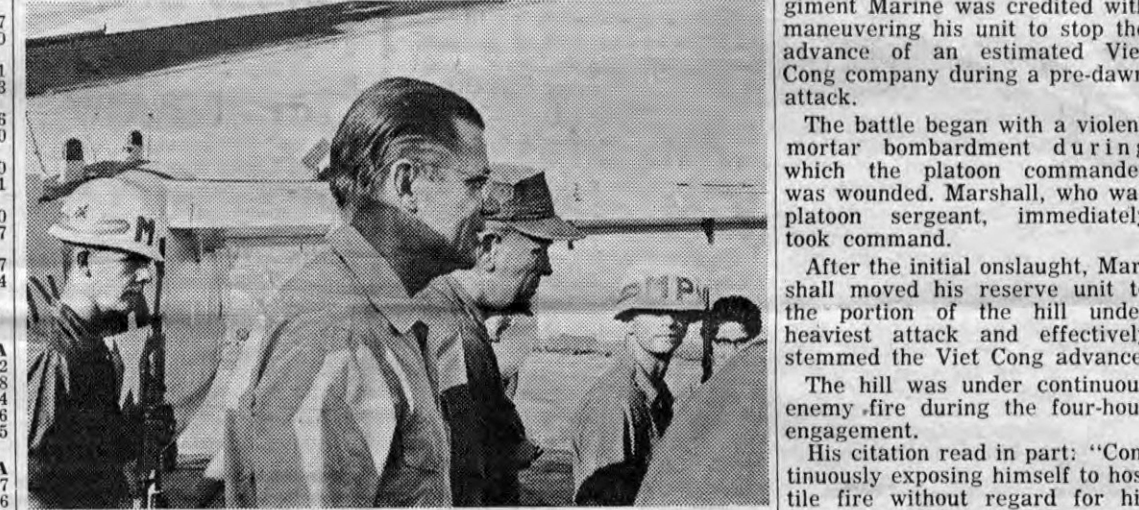
The battle began with a violent mortar bombardment during which the platoon commander was wounded. Marshall, who was platoon sergeant, immediately took command.

After the initial onslaught, Marshall moved his reserve unit to the portion of the hill under heaviest attack and effectively stemmed the Viet Cong advance.

The hill was under continuous enemy fire during the four-hour engagement.

His citation read in part: "Continuously exposing himself to hostile fire without regard for his own safety, the effectiveness of SSgt. Marshall's valiant actions was clearly evident at first light. The bodies of 23 Viet Cong were found on the defensive wire in his sector."

The medal was presented by Brigadier General Lowell E. English, assistant Third Marine Division commander.



## Defense Secretary visits

Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara and LtGen. L. W. Walt, CG, III MAF, are surrounded by a cordon of Marine MPs after debarking at Dong Ha. McNamara visited the 3d Marine Division's area just south of the DMZ Oct. 13. (Photo by SSgt. R. E. Wilson)

**In San Francisco:**

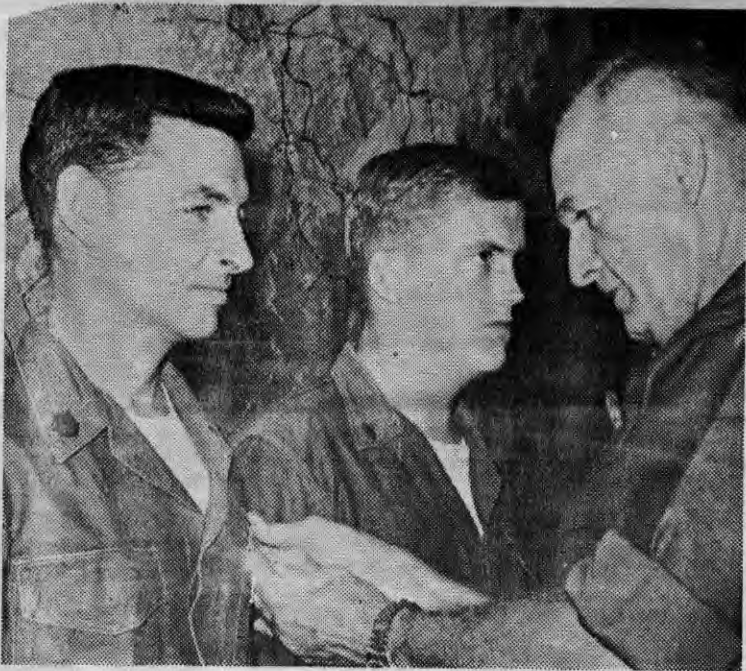
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## First for corpsmen

HM1 Thomas V. Doyle and HM3 Robert D. Hernden, both with H&HS-1, 1st MAW, receive the first Aircrewmen Wings for corpsmen from MajGen. L. B. Robertshaw, CG, 1st MAW for participation in medical evacuations aboard helicopters in Vietnam. HM Kermit G. Cole, a member of Marine Wing Service Group-17 also received his wings. The wings were recently authorized for corpsmen serving with the 1st MAW in helicopter combat operations in Vietnam.

(Photo by Sgt. R. V. Milligan)

# Marine-ARVN team trap VC force of 50

By: LCpl Lowell L. Carson

DA NANG—When elements of the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division settled down for the night of Oct. 15, they had a noose around the necks of an estimated 50 Viet Cong.

It was the fourth day of a search and sweep operation south of Da Nang.

Operating jointly with the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), the Marines and ARVN would alternately sweep and block their way down the coastal plain. Each day, the noose drew tighter.

Only occasional sniper fire indicated the enemy was there.

On the fourth day, the Marines closed the trap around Tra Khe (2), a suspected VC hamlet which they had previously cleared. They quickly established a perimeter around the hamlet. Transportation is very slow and they settled down for the night.

They had surrounded the Viet Cong force.

Realizing they were trapped, the Viet Cong came out of well-concealed holes and in a desperate 35-minute firefight tried to break out. A ring of fire kept the enemy in the hamlet.

Nine VC were killed in the initial fight. When dawn came the Marines and ARVN drew the noose tighter while the Viet Cong retreated into their hidden caves and spider traps.

A sweep through the hamlet the next day resulted in two more killed and five captured. The remaining enemy was well-hidden, undetected, but still surrounded.

During the night of the 16th, the now desperate VC mustered their remaining members and probed the perimeter again. Again they were repelled. The next morning three more bodies were found.

The action continues with 27 Viet Cong killed in the first six days.

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# Book being published about 1stMarDiv action in Vietnam

An unusual historical project was completed at the 1st Marine Division last week with the departure of award-winning author Edward Hymoff who completed writing a 35,000 word text of the Division's combat service in Vietnam to be published in mid-December.

History was being written while it was happening, and was authored at the scene by the well-known military writer and historian who is under contract to Cross, Hinshaw & Lindbergh, Inc., of New York and Goodway Printing Company, Inc., Philadelphia.

The 1st Marine Division's participation in Vietnam was launched with the arrival of the first elements of the 7th Marines to Vietnam in July 1965, according to Mr. Hymoff. "And that's where this book begins," he added. "When it will end is anybody's guess. But subsequent editions of this pictorial history will be updated as time goes on."

According to the veteran war correspondent, "I've been trying to put into words the sights, the sounds, the feelings and thoughts of Marines fighting in Vietnam. There's the mud, the heat, the rain, the bugs and mosquitos, and death lurking anywhere and everywhere; something that has really not been portrayed in any factual book published so far about this conflict."

More than a dozen unit histories are planned with the stories in text and black and white and color photos and combat art, he said. Order blanks will shortly be in the 1st Marine Division's PX and in officers and enlisted men's clubs.

However, he explained, that unlike most books that are put on sale, a royalty from every book sold will be placed in a special fund and turned over to the unit's commanding general to utilize as he believes most fitting. The author said "My publishers and I believe that this is essentially a story and an era written by the very men who are active participants. A portion of this monetary gain should be returned to



Author Edward Hymoff at work at the 1st Marine Division writing his pictorial history of the Division in combat in Vietnam.

them in some manner."

Emphasizing that the volumes in the series are not "cruise books," the author disclosed that the quality of the books to be published will be similar to the successful American Heritage books.

When asked why he didn't kick off the series with the Third Marine Division, which was first to arrive in Vietnam, instead of the First Marine Division, Mr. Hymoff explained that one reason was nostalgia. He had reported the First Marine Division's actions during the Korean War and it was a unit he was proud to have "served" with then, as now. "Of course, we'll soon be launching our book project with the Third Marine Division and one with the First Marine Air Wing," he explained.

The author pointed out that the unit histories project has Department of Defense approval.

# Nine hours of quiet—then, 'here it comes'

DA NANG—"Okay, watch for the fire. Here it comes... here it comes!"

These were the words Corporal Ervin Dantin heard from his aircraft commander seconds before a Viet Cong bullet ripped within eight inches of his ear.

Pressing the trigger of his .50 caliber machine gun, Dantin returned the fire until the CH-46A "Sea Knight" helicopter in which he was flying gunner banked out of range.

Nine hours of quiet had suddenly developed into a fight for life.

Dantin's chopper was one of two from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-164 placed on standby at Phu Bai, Oct. 3.

From 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. they waited for something to happen. Then the call came for planes to evacuate a Marine reconnaissance team which was outnumbered and surrounded by a North Vietnamese force in the mountains, a few miles to the west.

As the chopper dropped between the jungle-covered hills, Dantin noticed a big white spot off to one side. The fire came from around the spot and Dantin

used it as a natural bulls-eye.

Unable to land through the intense enemy fire, the planes withdrew until morning when they returned with seven more of HMM-164's helicopters. This time they landed and discharged a company of Marine ground troops into the communist infested valley.

## Parting shot

CHU LAI—A parting shot from the Viet Cong shook up a truckload of homeward-bound Marines near here Oct. 17, but no one was injured.

Lance Corporal James C. Corrigan, B Company, 1st Motor Transport Battalion, was driving a truck carrying 14 men of the Seventh Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division to the Chu Lai Seaport terminal for rotation to the States.

While enroute, Corrigan's truck tripped an enemy mine, apparently set for a much lighter vehicle. Damage to the truck was slight.

After a last brush with the reality of war 14 Marines headed home, where farewell party games aren't quite so rough.

# 30 day leave sought for extension of tour

The Defense Department has asked the Senate Armed Services Committee to authorize special 30-day home leaves plus travel time and transportation for military personnel who volunteer to extend their Vietnam tours for six months.

Full action on the bill (H.R. 15748) has been completed by the House of Representatives.

"Under present statutes we have no authority to provide the transportation, and both leave and travel time would be chargeable to leave earned by the usual formula," testified Brigadier General William W. Berg, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

## CMC cites Viet progress

General Wallace M. Greene, Commandant, has termed the Government of Vietnam's resolution of the Buddhist question this spring and the 87 percent turnout in the recent elections as two positive indications of success.

"And Ho Chi Minh knows we are succeeding," he told the National Security Industrial Association at its Oct. 6 meeting in Washington.

Gen. Greene said Ho Chi Minh is losing control of the people and must stage a comeback soon.

"That is why he is making such a desperate bid for success in the northernmost provinces right now," Gen. Greene said.

for Military Personnel Policy.

In his Oct. 6 appearance before the committee, Gen. Berg said that a number of dedicated individuals would volunteer to serve longer periods in Vietnam, if the period of service could be broken into reasonable segments.

## New squadron proves worth

DA NANG—The Marine Corps' newest helicopter squadron in Vietnam (HMM-165) proved the versatility of its CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter recently when a downed UH1E (Huey) was retrieved and returned to Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-36 at Ky Ha.

The Huey, from Marine Observation Squadron (VMO)-6, was on a support mission for a reconnaissance team when ground fire shattered the tail rotor shaft.

The pilot, Captain Eugene O. Marquette radioed for aid and two Sea Knights were on their way to him within minutes.

One CH-46 carried troops who formed a hasty defense perimeter around the downed Huey while the crew stripped it of the external guns, rocket pods, radios and main rotor blade.

The second Sea Knight, flown by Captain D. M. Babits, picked up the damaged craft and flew it back to Ky Ha.

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